

In re:

Serial #: 09/756,688  
For: Removable Bearing Assemblies  
Filed: January 9, 2001  
Inventor: Richard L. Fisher  
GAU: 3617  
Examiner: Avila  
Docket #: Fisher-001221

DECLARATION OF MARK J. STIEGEL

I, Mark J. Stiegel, declare as follows:

1. I am a citizen of the United States and reside at 812 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue North  
St. Cloud, MN 56303
2. I have been employed by myself as a self-employed CPA  
since 1/1/92 in the capacity of Certified Public Accountant
3. I am the same person referred to in the attached newspaper article (Exhibit B) published on August 22, 1999 in the St. Cloud Times newspaper therein as "Mark Steigel".
4. The center photograph of Exhibit B captioned "Mark Fisher attaches the motor to his boat for testing" is a photograph of a drive assembly for a marine mud motor, comprising: an elongate drive tube, configured for rotatably receiving a drive shaft therethrough, wherein a lower end of the drive tube includes a drive assembly housing, having a lower end; a bearing, in rotational communication between the drive assembly housing and the drive shaft; and a seal, contained within the drive assembly housing, configured to restrict contaminants from entering the drive assembly housing.
5. The mud motor including assembly housing and bearing photographed in Exhibit B was known to me and assembled, tested and demonstrated on or before August 22, 1999, thereby constituting reduction to practice, and was not concealed or abandoned, as prima facie evidenced by Exhibit B.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements, and the like so made, are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001, Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Dated: May 14, 2002

Signed:

  
Mark J. Stiegel CFA